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**MEMORANDUM FOR Major Subordinate Commands (MSC)**

**SUBJECT: Accidental Fatality Reports and Motorcycle/All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)  
Accident Reporting to the FORSCOM Commander**

1. Motorcycles and ATVs can be a great form of transportation and entertainment; however, the thrill and excitement has too often resulted in disaster for our III Corps team. Since the beginning of fiscal year 2004, the Army has lost 349 Soldiers to fatal privately owned vehicle accidents. One hundred of those Soldiers were on motorcycles and dozens more on ATVs. During that same period, III Corps lost 14 Soldiers on motorcycles and three due to ATV accidents.

2. Effective immediately, Commanders will begin reporting all Class A, B, and C (1 day lost time or greater) motorcycle/ATV accidents IAW the following procedures:

a. The chain of command will assemble the required information, i.e., Soldier's unit address; short descriptive narrative of accident; duty status (on/off-duty or on leave/pass/TDY); if an Automated Risk Assessment (ARMIS) was completed; factors impacting the accident (speed, alcohol, licensing/training); date company commander completed the Commanders Safety Course; and for cases involving motorcycles – include if the Soldier was wearing a DOT approved helmet, had completed an approved motorcycle safety course, possessed a valid license, and the ownership/installation registration status of the motorcycle. This list is not all inclusive; commanders will gather and report all pertinent information.

b. Division Commanders will assemble the requested information and call the FORSCOM Commander directly (within 18 hours of the accident) after prior coordination with the III Corps Commanding General. All pertinent information will also be sent, via email, to the III Corps Commanding General prior to contacting the FORSCOM Commanding General.

c. Non-divisional Commanders will assemble the requested information, call the III Corps DCG (US) and send him an email, with all required information, within 12 hours of the accident. The following III Corps personnel will be furnished a courtesy copy of the preliminary email report: DCG (Can), Chief of Staff, CSM, and the Corps Safety Office at "SAFETY.IIICORPS@HOOD.ARMY.MIL".

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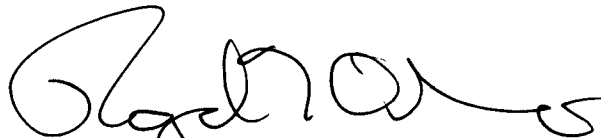
d. In addition to the preliminary report, a more detailed report on all fatal Privately Owned Vehicle (auto/motorcycle/ATV) accidents is required within 72 hours (format at enclosure 1). This report can be sent to III Corps Corps Safety for forwarding to FORSCOM.

e. These reports are in addition to existing requirements for Serious Incident Reports (SIR) IAW AR 190-40 and Army Accident Reports IAW AR 385-40.

3. This fiscal year has seen a drastic escalation in motorcycle accidents. We see the same common factors in most motorcycle and ATV fatal accidents: speed, alcohol, aggressive driving, fatigue, and the lack of required personal protective equipment (PPE) which all adds up to indiscipline. Many of our Soldiers are a first time owner of a motorcycle and might not know the requirements. Requirements are: motorcycles must be registered with the Provost Marshal; motorcycle endorsement on state license; operators must complete an Army approved motorcycle safety course; and the proper PPE for the driver and passenger. Every ATV rider must also wear PPE, especially a helmet. Commanders need to foster a mentorship program within their units which allows more experienced riders to mentor new riders and help hone their riding skills. You can learn more about this great initiative from the Combat Readiness Center website <https://crc.army.mil/home/> (Program Quick Links).

4. Prior to the 4th of July holiday (and continually thereafter), I want commanders and leaders to canvas their formations to identify motorcycle operators and have each sign a III Corps Motorcycle Operator's Contract (enclosure 2). This face-to-face interaction will provide yet another opportunity for leaders to ensure Soldiers understand the standards for motorcycle safety. My intent is not a witch-hunt for motorcycle enthusiasts. The intent is to seek out our cycle riders and ensure they are clear on the standards. Every Soldier is absolutely critical to the success of our mission. We cannot afford to continue losing our Soldiers to these needless accidents. Command involvement is the key.

5. One of my top priorities is the safety and well-being of every III Corps Soldier. As commanders and leaders, we must ensure the safety of our Soldiers by coaching, mentoring, and training to standard. We must do everything within our means to reduce needless accidents that cost the lives of our Soldiers.



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Commanding

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1. 72 Hr POV Fatality Update
2. III Corps Motorcycle Operator's Contract

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**72 HOURS PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE FATALITY UPDATE**

Save the completed form and email to  
[FORSCOM SAFETY OFFICE@FORSCOM.ARMY.MIL](mailto:FORSCOM_SAFETY_OFFICE@FORSCOM.ARMY.MIL) or FAX COMM:  
404.464.6756 DSN: 367.6756

Complete this form for each fatally injured Soldier.

**QUESTION  
FORMAT**

**ANSWER IN NARRATIVE**

**1. POC INFORMATION**

- A. POC Name
- B. POC Duty Phone Commercial
- C. POC Duty Phone DSN

**2. ACCIDENT INFORMATION**

- A. Location
- B. Date and time of Accident
- C. Who did law enforcement cite for violation of traffic code?

**3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

- A. Describe the environmental conditions at the time of the accident.
- B. Describe the road conditions at the scene of the accident.
- C. Describe road surface type.

**4. SOLDIER INFORMATION**

- A. Name
- B. Rank or Grade
- C. Unit
- D. PMOS
- E. Gender
- F. Age

**5. DRIVER INFORMATION**

- A. Is the SM identified the driver of the vehicle?
- B. Did the SM complete required Army driver training? (Provide completion date)
- C. What is the estimated time the driver of the vehicle has been driving?
- D. Describe the unit training events that took place prior to the accident in the previous 60 days.
- E. Was the driver of the vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
- F. Did local law enforcement write a traffic code violation? If yes, did this identified Soldier receive the citation?

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*Enclosure 1*

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For motorcycle accidents:

- A. Was, the Soldier licensed for a MC?
- B. Provide the date the Soldier completed an Army approved motorcycle safety course.

### **6. DUTY STATUS AND LEAVE POLICY**

- A. Was the Soldier on Leave or pass (define type such as Local Leave) at the time of the accident?
- B. Is the use of ASMIS part of unit pass/leave policy? Explain negative answer.
- C. Was the POV Risk Assessment ASMIS completed?
- D. Explain Negative answer.

### **7. HUMAN FACTORS**

- A. Dates of Soldiers' last deployment:
- B. Location of last deployment.
- C. Date of next scheduled deployment if known:
- D. Had the command identified the soldier as a risk?
- E. If the soldier was a risk, what precautionary measures had the command taken.
- F. List known disciplinary action during the past 12 months.
- G. Describe known activities of Soldier past 24 hours.
- H. Is fatigue a suspected factor in this accident. Use previous 48 – 72 hour work rest cycle as a guide.
- I. Are alcohol or drugs a suspected factor in this accident?
- J. Did the Soldier have personal problems?
- K. Was the Soldier undergoing a divorce, break up with friend or other family hardship?
- L. Was the Soldier having financial difficulties?
- M. What is the estimate of the emotional state of the driver at the time of accident?

### **8. VEHICLE CONDITON**

- A. Type of vehicle.
- B. Is the accident vehicle the Soldier's vehicle?
- C. Describe the vehicle mechanical condition at time of Accident.
- D. Provide the date of last vehicle inspection by the chain of command.
- E. Was the Soldier using installed safety equipment, such as seat belts at the time of the accident?
- F. If this accident involved a motorcycle, was Soldier wearing personal protective equipment as prescribed by Army Regulation 385-55 and AR 190-5?

### **9. COMMAND FACTORS**

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- A. Did the commander complete the on-line Commanders Safety Course?  
Provide completion date.
- B. Does the unit have an Additional Duty Safety Officer/NCO assigned? Provide date assigned.
- C. Did the Additional Duty Safety Officer/NCO complete the on-line course? If yes, provide completion date?

**10. STANDARDS**

Describe known or suspected standards the driver of the vehicle possibly violated. (Examples Speeding, Drinking)

**11. THE ROAD AHEAD**

What is the unit doing or planning to do to prevent this type accident in the future?

**12. OTHER REMARKS**

**13. REPORT APPROVED BY:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Duty Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### III Corps Motorcycle Operator's Contract

I understand that I am a Soldier 24 hours a day and the following actions are required for me to operate a motorcycle on- or off-post:

- ✓ I must register my motorcycle with the installation Provost Marshal.
- ✓ I must complete an Army approved motorcycle safety course.
- ✓ My personal protective equipment (PPE) will consist of a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet (properly fastened under the chin) with face shield or goggles, full-fingered gloves, a long sleeve shirt or jacket, long pants, over the ankle leather shoes, and a high visibility garment (bright color for day and retro-reflective for night).
- ✓ PPE also applies to any passenger.
- ✓ No matter what the state law is, I will always wear a DOT approved helmet.

I understand that failure to comply with Army regulations could result in my loss of motorcycle driving privileges. If I am involved in a motorcycle accident and I have violated any of the military regulations governing motorcycles, I could be held liable for all medical costs that I incur. Additionally, if I violate any of the requirements and sustain fatal injuries, my survivors could be denied military benefits.

I will always operate my motorcycle in a safe and disciplined manner.

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Operator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
1SG Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commander Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date